IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Applicant: Siani Lynne Pearson, et al) Group Art No.: 2132 Application No: 10/632,135) Examiner: Lemma, Samson B Filed: 07/30/2003) Re: Office Action Response For: "A Method Of Validating) Our Ref: B-5196 621146-3 Performance ...") Date: November 20, 2006

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on July 26, 2006, a reply to which is due no later than <u>January 26, 2007</u>. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.

A petition for a one-month extension of time is included with this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.